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Magistrate Judge

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**Joyce Bihary**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Wellesley 1972 BA; Michigan 1975 JD  
Began Service: September 1, 1987  
Term Expires: September 2015

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Alston, Miller & Gaines (1975-1977); Attorney then Partner, Rogers & Hardin (1977-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation; American College of Bankruptcy; Atlanta Bar Association; Coalition for Consumer Debtor Education; Georgia Association of Women Lawyers; Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

**Staff**

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**W. Homer Drake, Jr.**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: Mercer 1954 AB, 1956 LLB  
Began Service: September 1, 1964  
Term Expires: May 20, 2013

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, University of Georgia Law School (1971-1972); Adjunct Professor, Emory Law School (1973-1975); Walter Homer Drake Professorship of Bankruptcy Law, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University (1996)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Lewis R. Morgan, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (1961-1964)

**Judicial:** President, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (1972-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers (1976-1979)

**Military Service:** Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1956-1959)

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**Margaret H. Murphy**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Queens Col (NC) 1970 BA; North Carolina 1973 JD  
Began Service: October 19, 1987  
Term Expires: October 18, 2015

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Smith, Gambrell & Russell (1973-1987)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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**James E. Massey**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Emory 1965 BA; Columbia 1968 LLB  
Began Service: November 3, 1993  
Term Expires: November 2, 2007

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1969-1993)

**Staff**

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**Robert E. Brizendine**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Georgia Tech 1968 BS; Vanderbilt 1971 JD  
Began Service: November 3, 1993  
Term Expires: November 3, 2007

**Legal Practice:** Scroggins & Brizendine (and predecessor firms) (1971-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1972-1979)

**Current Memberships:** Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute; State Bar of Georgia

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**C. Ray Mullins**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
Education: Bowling Green State 1974 BS, 1977 MBA; Toledo 1982 JD  
Began Service: February 29, 2000  
Term Expires: February 28, 2014

**Academic:** Instructor, Bowling Green State University (1977-1982); Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Toledo (1983-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Cooper Straub Walinski & Cramer (1982-1987); Kilpatrick Stockton (1987-2000)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Commercial Law League; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

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**Paul W. Bonapfel**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Florida State; Georgia JD  
Began Service: April 10, 2002

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**Mary Grace Diehl**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: September 3, 1952  
Education: Canisius 1974 BA; Harvard 1977 JD  
Began Service: February 23, 2004  
Term Expires: February 2018

**Legal Practice:** Practice Group Leader, Bankruptcy, Troutman Sanders LLP

**Current Memberships:** American College of Bankruptcy; American Bankruptcy Institute; Atlanta Bar Association; Georgia Association for Women Lawyers; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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